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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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Exemption No. 7631C
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-10356

Colonel Allen S. Baker
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Dear Col Baker:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 7631, as amended. It explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

The Basis for Our Decision

By letter dated July 8, 2005, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) for an extension of Exemption No. 7631, as amended. That exemption from §§ 91.177(a)(2) and 91.179(b)(1) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations allows properly equipped USASOC aircraft to conduct low-level operations without complying with enroute minimum altitudes for flight under instrument flight rules (IFR) or direction of flight requirements for IFR enroute segment in uncontrolled airspace.

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register. The requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to USASOC.

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Our Decision

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 7631, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. § 40109, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I grant your petition.

The Effect of Our Decision

Our decision extends the termination date of Exemption No. 7631, as amended, to September 30, 2007, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 7631, as amended, remain the same. This letter must be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 7631.

Sincerely,

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